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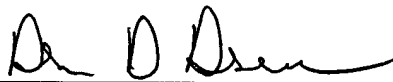
By the present Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have simply amended the specification of the present application to indicate that the present invention was made with Government support pursuant to a contract awarded by the United States Navy, therefore imparting certain rights in the present invention to the Government.

Applicants respectfully request that the present Amendment be considered and entered in relation to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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